

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

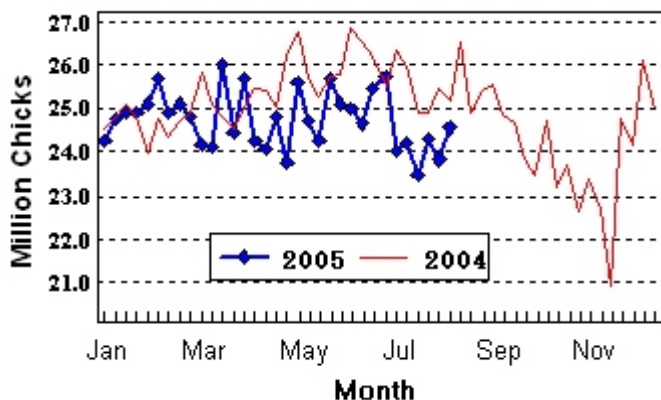
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending August 13, 2005. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through August 13, 2005 were 816.7 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

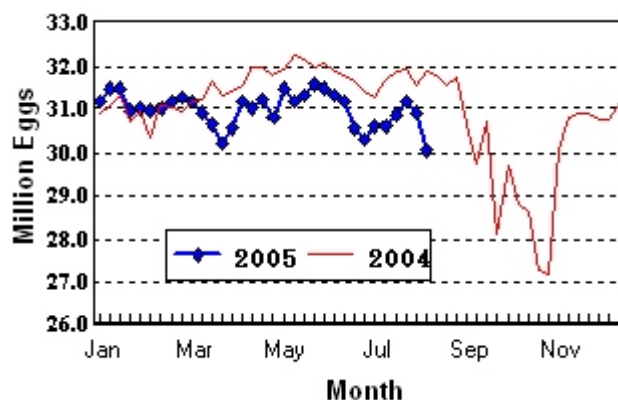
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 13, 2005, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 9	26,353	24,035	91	26,297	25,696	98	31,262	30,623	98
Jul. 16	25,933	24,228	93	26,146	25,065	96	31,653	30,603	97
Jul. 23	24,888	23,493	94	25,985	24,981	96	31,896	30,862	97
Jul. 30	24,929	24,315	98	25,654	25,355	99	31,944	31,178	98
Aug. 6	25,439	23,813	94	25,964	25,504	98	31,552	30,929	98
Aug. 13	25,208	24,555	97	26,148	25,553	98	31,870	30,031	94

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug		09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	
Alabama	32,047 *	31,505	31,350	31,532	104	21,748	21,383	21,943	21,683	22,250	21,274	99
ARKANSAS	30,862	31,178	30,929	30,031	94	24,035	24,228	23,493	24,315	23,813	24,555	97
Delaware	4,069	4,060	3,956	3,940	107	5,978	6,395	4,781	5,629	6,216	5,998	120
Florida	1,380	1,383	1,381	1,382	102	1,502	1,489	1,445	1,586	1,488	1,635	103
Georgia	33,050	33,130	33,402 *	34,107	101	27,716	27,282	25,969	27,496	27,134	27,746	106
Kentucky	7,124	7,085	7,149 *	7,101	99	5,820	5,814	5,818	5,983	6,077 *	6,308	107
Louisiana	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,135	105	4,204	4,055	4,120	4,118	4,167	4,053	110
Maryland	8,950	8,878	8,963	8,731	98	5,284	4,830	6,075	5,216	4,920	5,327	93
Mississippi	19,099	18,970	18,794	18,998	96	17,297	17,350	17,459	17,394	17,385	17,466	99
N. Carolina	18,199 *	18,064	18,454 *	18,419	102	15,010	15,103	14,258	14,422	15,101 *	15,113	103
Oklahoma	6,563	6,622	6,638	6,643	99	5,531	5,600	5,121	3,868	4,804	5,100	100
Pennsylvania	4,444	4,242	3,904 *	4,173	114	2,951	2,984	2,820	3,077	3,027 *	3,208	113
S. Carolina	5,141	5,050	5,060	5,198	126	3,975	4,544	4,467	3,854	4,291	3,928	94
Texas	15,206	15,085	14,233	13,830	90	12,973	12,889	12,310	12,893	12,785	12,724	99
Virginia	6,474	6,333	6,408	6,274	95	4,734	5,218 *	5,225	5,707	5,136	4,992	90
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,107 *	18,424	18,408	17,647	99	17,734 *	16,394 *	17,096 *	16,942 *	17,472 *	16,321	92
Total 2005	214,850 *	214,144	213,164 *	212,141		176,492 *	175,558 *	172,400 *	174,183 *	176,066 *	175,748	
Total 2004	213,160	214,939	213,074	213,309		176,620	176,174	173,185	174,183	175,954	175,391	
%Prev. Year	101	100	100	99		100	100	100	100	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending August 13, 2005. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 13, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 13, 2005 were 5.63 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.